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SUBJ: KUWAIT CONCERN OVER REPORTS ISRAEL TO RECEIVE PERSHING

MISSILE

REF: A. STATE 222166 B. KUWAIT 3870 C. SECTO 13007

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SHAIKH SALIM AL-SABAH, (SON OF RULER, FORMERLY KUWAITI AMB TO U.S. AND MIN LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS) CALLED ME TO FORMINISTRY SEPT 23. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY CABINET TO "CONVEY TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR" GOK CONCERN REGARDING REPORTS USG CONSIDERING PROVIDING PERSHING MISSILES TO ISRAEL. CONCERN OF GOK, SAID ACTING FORMIN, BASED ON TWO CONSIDERATIONS: (A) THAT THIS MISSILE FIRED FROM ISRAEL COULD REACH ARAB CAPITALS INCLUDING KUWAIT, THUS KUWAIT NATIONAL SECURITY INVOLVED; AND, (B) THAT PROVIDING WEAPONS SUCH AS PERSHING MISSILE TO ISRAEL WOULD NOT ADVANCE PROSPECTS FOR LASTING PEACE IN MIDEAST, A GOAL WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING PURSUED WITH GREAT SKILL BY SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. I REPLIED CONTINUED SECURITY OF ISRAEL WAS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN USG MIDEAST POLICY; HOWEVER, I HAD NO RPT NO COMMENT WHATSOEVER TO MAKE REGARDING PARTICULAR ITEMS OF WEAPONRY WE PROVIDED TO ISRAEL. I SAID I WOULD CONVEY KUWAITI STATEMENT OF CONCERN

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TO WASHINGTON.

3. I THEN TOOK OPPORTUNIYHOF CALL TO REITERATE USG DETERMINATION KEEP UP MOMENTUM OF ITS EFFORTS IN MIDEAST, DRAWING ESPECIALLY ON STATE 222166. ACTING FORMIN SAID GOK SUPPORTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS AND WISHED HIM SUCCESS. NOTING RADIO REPORTS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO UN MENTIONING POSSIBILITY OF "MORE INFORMAL MULTILATERAL MEETING", ACTING FORMIN ASKED IF THIS IMPLIED US WILLINGNESS INCLUDE PALESTPIANS IN SUCH MEETING. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN REF C, I OBSERVED INFORMAL GATHERING COULD EXPLORE ANY AND ALL PROMISING DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES. I SAID IMPLICATION I WOULD DRAW FROM ALL THREE POINTS IN SPEECH WAS USG DETERMINATION TO EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE POSSIBLY LEADING TOWARD SETTLEMENT, AND INTEREST IN PROGRESS WHEREVER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

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